

# Trinity E-News



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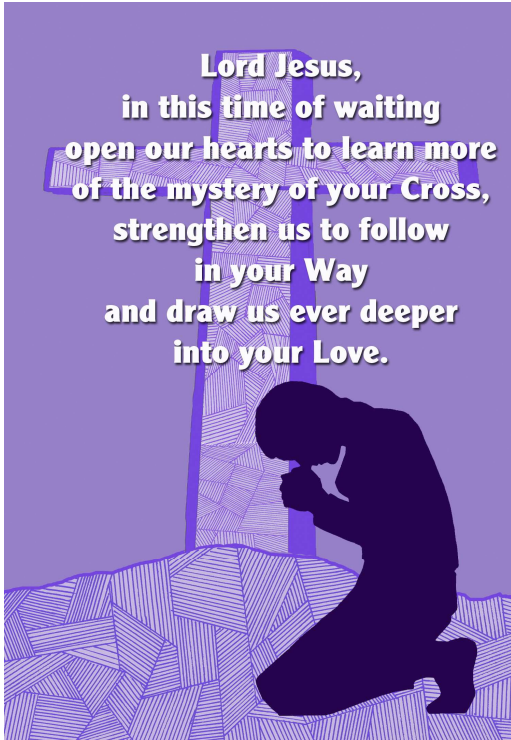
**Great News –  
 Live Worship every  
 Sunday at Trinity,  
 Services Zoomed too.**

Our thanks to all our  
 'Zoom team' who  
 enable those at home to  
 join us in Worship  
 via Zoom.

We are very grateful for  
 their continued help  
 and expertise.

Link to our Website:

<https://www.basingstoke-readingmethodists.uk/>



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Trinity E-News is also available on our Basingstoke & Reading Website.

I really look forward to receiving your lovely pieces, so please keep them coming.

**A Big Thankyou** to everyone who has sent in pieces. Items can be emailed or posted.

**Thank you again, Hazel, Ed**

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**Clocks go Forward on Sunday 27 March 2022**



25 years ago, on 21 March 1997, the Revd W V Awdry, British Clergyman and children's writer, died. Best known as the creator of 'Thomas the Tank Engine'.

March 2022

The scriptures, prayer and acts of faith.

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to you all for your prayers and good wishes as I travelled to St Vincent and the Grenadines, and your warm welcome back. It was indeed a precious gift to be able to complete my sabbatical by spending quality time with my mum and other relatives. The delay in completing my sabbatical over the past two years has made my time in SVG even more meaningful. Being four hours behind the UK, I found myself waking up around 4 am every morning, which gave me some wonderful moments of quiet that afforded me the opportunity to keenly listen to the inner voice of God. It was also a delight to prepare my mum's meals each day and to give my eldest sister a well earned break. Each day I marvelled at God's handywork as I sat in my mum's kitchen and looked up at 'Mount Saint Andrew', which has an elevation of 1,486 feet. It doesn't matter where we are, there is always something in the created order that would point us back to God. We just have to be willing to be drawn into God's presence wherever we find ourselves.

It is that time of the year again when we pay closer attention to the 'temptations of Jesus' in order to find strength and courage for our own lives, as we seek to be better disciples of Jesus. The holy season of Lent can be very challenging for us because we are invited to look inward and to deal with ourselves by the help of the Holy Spirit. It is also a time when we are invited to look outward toward others with love and compassion and to treat others as we would want to be treated. This looking inward and outward is designed to transform us more and more into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our journey through Lent doesn't need to be onerous, because genuine relationship with God is a delight. However, our journey through Lent to the heart of our Christian faith (Easter), requires us to be intentional in our relationship with God, in order to better appreciate God's transforming grace in Jesus Christ. I encourage us all to take this personal journey through Lent beginning on 'Ash Wednesday' to the heart of our Christian faith (Easter), and to intentionally receive God's love afresh, as we engage with

This year, I feel drawn to dwell in the Psalms in my personal journey through Lent. I am intrigued by the way the Psalms often move from lament to surging praise and/or thanksgiving, even in the most challenging of circumstances. Psalm 27 is one of my favourite Psalms and verse one says, "*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?*" As Christians, we are not insulated from the troubles of this world, and very often we find that the world is against us because of our witness for Christ. The Psalmist David in particular speaks of the real dangers and terrifying threats he faced all around him; enemies, false-witnesses, violence, illness etc. The Psalmist neither denies the dangers nor dismisses the threats, but faces them with confidence in the God he serves. When it feels like everything is against us, the Psalmist invites us to trust in God's goodness and to always seek God's face. We know that God's face is revealed to us in the face of His Son Jesus Christ, who brought to us the light of God's salvation. This is why in the midst of the dangers and the threats that may be all around, we can burst forth into surging praise and/or thanksgiving for God's goodness and deliverance, and say with confidence that 'the Lord is our light and our salvation'.

What I appreciated best of all about my sabbatical was being drawn into that place of the presence of God, where I could behold the beauty of the Lord. In God's presence we find both solace and safety, and gain strength for the journey of life — and everyday tasks become a delight and an act of worship, rather than a struggle. The discordant noises that seek to distract disappear in God's presence, as we immerse ourselves in praise and worship to God, who offers us His light and His salvation. We all are invited to live daily in the 'rest of God' so that all that we are and do reflect God's glory. With so much distraction all around us this may seem

difficult. However, God's invitation to live in His rest is always open to us.

*God, our light and our salvation,  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in  
the land of the living,  
and, looking on your beauty,  
may be changed into the likeness of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Reflections on the Psalms (2015)**

**Rev'd Audrey D Browne**

**SOME DATES for March**

- **World Day of Prayer: Friday 4 March, Salvation Army, Basingstoke, page 7.**
- **Lent Reflections: at Oakridge & Old Basing Methodist Churches, starting 6 March and 10 March, page 8.**
- **JAM: Sunday 6 March, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, page 6.**
- **Trinity Circle: Tuesday 8 March, at Trinity, page 9.**
- **Worship Meeting: Friday 11 March at 2 pm.**
- **Spring Sale: Saturday 19 March, 10 am – 2 pm at St Andrew's Church, page 7.**

**Mothering Sunday – 27 March**

We at Trinity are hoping to produce a small gift for ladies on Mothering Sunday. We are looking for ladies (or gents) who crochet (or knit) to make some hearts.

The crochet pattern is printed in the **February Trinity E-News** for your use. Please contact Pauline for more details and to let her know who will be helping.

We are also hoping to send them to members of our congregation who cannot get to Trinity at present.

Thank you, **Paulne Ansell**

**For Prayer & Meditation:** Printed copies of the **Circuit Lent Resource** are available if your church requested some. **A version for viewing** is on the **Circuit Website** and was sent round with the **Circuit Notices last week**. A PDF for printing your own booklet is available from [gillmlawson@icloud.com](mailto:gillmlawson@icloud.com)

**'Anxiety' comes top**

The word 'anxiety' has been chosen by children as how they would describe their experience of 2021.

Oxford University Press (OUP) asked more than 8,000 pupils, aged between seven and 14, to select a word from a shortlist of 10 words. The words were: anxiety, challenging, isolate, wellbeing, resilience, bubble, kindness, remote, cancelled, empathy.

The children were asked to choose which word they felt was most applicable to them. 'Anxiety' was closely followed by 'challenging', and then 'isolate'.

**1 March St David (Dewi Sant) – Guiding the Welsh through Turbulent Times**



On 1 March, Wales celebrates its patron saint, David – or, in Welsh, Dewi or Dafydd. He is revered wherever Welsh people have settled. As with most figures from the so-called 'Dark Ages' (he lived in the sixth century), reliable details about his life are scarce, but there are enough for us to form a picture of a formidably austere, disciplined and charismatic leader, who led the Church in Wales through turbulent years and fought tenaciously for the faith. St David's Day, is time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' – but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery! (*Parish Pump*)

- The need of the world is to listen to God – **Albert Einstein**

- If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less – **C E Jefferson**

## Sunday Worship at Trinity & the Basingstoke Churches

Below and on the next page is the plan for Worship for March to May 2022 for our Basingstoke Churches. **Live Sunday Worship continues at Trinity each Sunday Morning with Services also Zoomed.** Any enquiries please contact Diane Bath on:

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### Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for March to May 2022 (Basingstoke Churches – March)

Dates	6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March Mothering Sund
<b>Trinity</b> 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs D Baugh	Mrs L Hoe	Revd A Browne
<b>Kempshott</b> 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	Mrs A Whithorn	LA	Mr P Frank
<b>Oakley</b> 10.30 am	Revd V Fisher	Revd J Sumitra	Revd A Browne, S	LA
<b>Oakridge</b> 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins S	Mrs J Hardcastle	LA	Mrs S Whithorn
<b>Old Basing</b>	Revd J Sumitra	Mr C Marsh	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr H Ballard
<b>St Andrew's</b> 10.30 am	Deacon Linda Kinchenton	Revd A Browne, S	LA	Mrs L Hoe

### Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for March to May 2022 (Basingstoke Churches – April)

Dates	3 April	10 April Palm Sunday	17 April Easter Sunday	24 April
<b>Trinity</b> 10.30 am	LA	Revd A Browne, S	Revd V Fisher	Revd A Webb & Mrs A Walker
<b>Kempshott</b> 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	Mrs J Hardcastle	Mr T Bell	Mrs S Whithorn
<b>Oakley</b> 10.30 am	Revd J Sumitra	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne, S	Mr S Appiah
<b>Oakridge</b> 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr S Appiah	Revd J Sumitra	Mrs D Baugh
<b>Old Basing</b>	Mrs D Baugh	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd V Fisher
<b>St Andrew's</b> 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs P Hoe, P	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne



## Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for March to May 2022 (Basingstoke Churches – May)

Dates	1 May	8 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
<b>Trinity</b> 10.30 am	LA	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs A Rowe	Mr T Pitt & Mrs H Reed
<b>Kempshott</b> 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	Revd J Sumitra	LA	Mrs S Whithorn	Revd J Dowding
<b>Oakley</b> 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs S Whithorn	Mr S Turner	Revd A Browne	LA
<b>Oakridge</b> 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mrs J Hardcastle	Mr S Appiah	LA	Revd M Beukes
<b>Old Basing</b>	Mr T Bell	Mr S Appiah	Mrs D Baugh	Revd D Jenkins, S	LA
<b>St Andrew's</b> 10.30 am	LA	Revd S Skuce, S	Mr D Munns	Mrs L Hoe	Revd A Browne, S

### In 1997 from 17 August – 2 September Can You Remember What we were Doing at Trinity ?

Trinity was hosting a group of children plus their interpreter from Kharkov in the Ukraine. With recent events the Ukraine has been very much on our minds, as we had Helen and Olga staying with us and Olga's brother, who also came, stayed with another family. Jennifer and Tony also had two girls and have been back in touch with Liz for several years now. Jennifer contacted Liz on Thursday 24 February. (*Liz now lives in Spain and has two children*) but her parents and grandparents still live in Kharkov. ***This is what Liz said:***

*'Hi Jennifer, Thank you for your message. My Children and I are still living in Spain so we are fine. My parents and grandparents are in Kharkov they have been up since 3 am, the city outskirts are being shelled as there are military airports and warehouses in that area. The explosions are heard everywhere and at some point the family were instructed to move to the metro underground. There are lots of people there, stuffy air, little children, cats, dogs etc. There is no way they can leave the city now. I have been unable to contact my other grandparents on the other side of the city. Horrendous nightmare, surreal, love Liz'*

We all had a lovely time with the children taking them out as a group and individually in our family groups, to the New Forest, Winchester, London, Southbourne, a canal trip, the ice rink, a visit to the Mayor, a Hot Air Balloon experience and more, with some activities at Trinity too. We wonder where they all are now..... and will keep all of them and their families in our prayers at this dreadful time, Hazel and Peter  
(*a few photos from the 1997 visit*)



## Looking back at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lockdown

I look back at the last few years and wonder how I stayed sane. If I did not have a faith and the art talent that God granted me "I wonder"

I spent the whole of the 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown painting and making cards, which many of my friends love receiving. I am truly blessed with being able to do this bringing smiles to faces, who also found this strange time tough.

I try my best also to use Facebook to post words of inspiration and comfort to all who read them. I also found great joy in ringing my pastoral group, who always put a smile on my face, thank you all.

And without modern technology – eg: zoom, we would have missed our church, it was wonderful to see you all.

*God bless you all, Jenny Leighton*



## World Day of Prayer

This year will be held at the Salvation Army,  
Wessex Road, Basingstoke on 4 March at 1.30 pm

We do hope you can come along on that day and look forward to seeing you.

You can find more information on the 'World Day of Prayer' on their website at:

[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

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### ***Below a little background and a prayer from their website:***

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

*Dear Lord, Your plans for me are good. Your love for me is perfect and you want the best for my life. I have hope for a bright future. I put my trust in you.*

*As long as we have memories, yesterday remains.*

*As long as we have hope, tomorrow awaits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful.*

***As long as we have God, anything and everything is possible, Amen***

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## World Day of Prayer (EWNI)

As a single World Day of Prayer organisation, the three voices of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, have come together to present this year's service.

The WDP National Committee includes 17 different Christian denominations. We allocate over 40 grants to national and international charities, support prayer partners in Albania, sending representatives to visit the WDP in Albania on a regular basis. We continue reviewing what we do and adapting to changes in communication and technology.

Our office in Tunbridge Wells co-ordinates the distribution of service materials, including activities for children and youth and our website carries news of all we do. We also post on Twitter and Facebook and have been delighted with the number of 'hits' we get.

- ***I said I have a can-do attitude.....I never said I have a will-do attitude.***

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**Churches Prepare Platinum Jubilee plans**

Churches, Christian Charities & Youth Organisations are  
working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum  
Jubilee over the four-day Bank Holiday from 2 to 5 June.

A new website has been created –

[www.theplatinumjubilee.com](http://www.theplatinumjubilee.com)

to provide ideas and resources for communities to  
celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

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**'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)**

**'JAM'** meets next from  
**2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

**on the following Sundays:**

**6 March**  
**3 April**



**Children & Families** meet in  
the Lounge, *usually* on the  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of the month,  
to hear stories of Jesus,  
craft, singing and tea.

**All are very welcome.**

**Do come along and join us.**



**Spring  
Sale**



**Saturday 19 March**  
**10 am – 2 pm**  
**at St Andrew's Church**

- **Good Quality Items for Sale**
- **Home-made Cakes**
- **Hot & Cold Drinks**

*This is the First Event in  
the 10 Year Anniversary of  
our New Building*

**Looking forward to  
seeing you all.**

- *Lord, keep your arm around my  
shoulder and your hand over my mouth.*

**LENT REFLECTIONS based on  
JOHN'S GOSPEL  
Oakridge Methodist Church  
Sunday Afternoons, 3.30 pm**



- 6 March – Temptations and Crisis led by Rev. David Jenkins  
 13 March – Raising Lazarus from the dead and our resurrection by  
 Dr. Stephen Appiah  
 20 March – Encounters by Rev. David Jenkins  
 27 March – The Good Shepherd and the Passover lamb by Dr. Stephen Appiah  
 3 April – Betrayal, Denial, Forgiveness by Rev. David Jenkins  
 10 April – The hour has come and the Glory of Christ led by Dr. Stephen Appiah

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**LENT REFLECTIONS on  
JOHN'S GOSPEL  
Old Basing Methodist Church  
Thursdays, 2.30 pm  
All Led by: REV. DAVID JENKINS**

10 March Temptation and Crisis

24 March Encounters

7 April Betrayal, Denial, Forgiveness

**A Collect for Ash Wednesday**

*Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and  
 forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
 Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we,  
 worthily, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
 may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (Parish Pump)*

**Chaplain for the Coastguards**

A full-time chaplain has been appointed by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) for the first time in its 200-year history. The Revd Tom Ebbens, who will be based in Cornwall, has been appointed to the position after a pilot project. He has previously worked in MCA operations centres and as a coastal officer, and will provide support for front-line staff. Mr Ebbens, 30, says that he will offer support to colleagues of any faith and none. *"People have fears and concerns, worries and challenges, and sometimes they need someone to walk with them in those dark moments; to listen, share the hurt and support them."* HM Coastguard director Claire Hughes said it was a "landmark appointment". She said: *"Tom is going to bring another level of care alongside the welfare-led support systems we already have in place, such as trauma risk management. "People know they can talk to him in confidence about their concerns and problems, and that he will provide the support they need."*



## TRINITY CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be on:  
**Tuesday 8 March at 7.30 pm**,  
 again either meeting in the hall or  
 the lounge. Our speaker will be  
**Peter Ansell -**  
**'Faith and Photography'.**

Our meetings are now for everyone  
 and we invite you all to come and  
 enjoy a time of fellowship with us.

*Sonia*

*Taken from 'Your Life and Others',  
 'Poems to Ponder' by Dorothy Durrant*

*Dorothy says: God has given us eyes, ears,  
 lips, hands, arms etc and a capacity to love.  
 God has given us so much that we have  
 more than enough to share with others.*

### Gifts for Sharing

God gave us eyes to see the need  
 in those we meet each day,  
 God gave us ears to listen to  
 what others need to say,  
 God give us lips to speak a word  
 of comfort, love and cheer,  
 God gave us arms to hold and  
 hands to wipe away a tear.  
 So let's make use of all the gifts  
 which God to us has given,  
 sharing with those we meet each day  
 a little bit of Heaven.

### #smalltalk with Revd David Shaw:

Wesley Methodist Church YouTube channel  
 has a series of small videos (46 as of  
 counting) presented by Revd David Shaw  
 which are between  
 3 – 4 minutes long. The latest two are about  
 Prayer and Christian Aid. These can be found  
 here and are highly recommended.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWw6jNpYWu4z52t760p7UJg/videos>

## 1 March Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day



Ever wondered why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting. So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven' or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove Tuesday*. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "*And every man and maide doe take their turne, and tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.*" Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight **four significant things about this time of year**: **Eggs** stand for creation; **Flour** is the staff of life; while **Salt** keeps things wholesome and **Milk** stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between the 3 February and 9 March.  
 (Parish Pump)



- We talk about heaven being so far away. It is within speaking distance to those who belong there – *D L Moody*
- Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God – *M D Babcock*

## There's a Queue



How good are you at queuing? Apparently, the British are supposed to be quite good at it. There are those who get annoyed, frustrated perhaps, but generally we accept it with good grace. Of course, it all depends what the queue is for.

Years ago, we queued for the cinema, at the doctors, in the shops for counter service. And many other places. Have we become less patient?

My mother urged me, just after WW2 to join a queue if I saw one. It could be for bananas, or something else we had missed for a long time during those dark days.

The habit remains. Sometimes I find myself in a queue without really knowing why. Strange person!

I remember waiting on Brussels Central Station, all the announcements were in French, or Flemish, neither of which I understood. My daughter-in-law was in a queue for train tickets. I was unaware of the queuing procedure, which didn't really exist, so I became quite nervous, waiting for her return.

There are queues that we would rather not be in. Fortunately, most are with reasonably friendly people, who we can chat to, and strangers can become friends in these situations. Queues to avoid are those with hard faced officials, queues for the dentist, and of late, especially queues at the casualty department of most hospitals.

I have a book entitled 'At the end of the day' written by David Winter. It's subject is, 'God's waiting Room.' Directed at those of us over a certain age, it encourages positivity. Most people are not in a rush to reach the head of this queue, so the writer suggests contentment, and purpose as we wait.

The queue experience is an opportunity to slow down, it doesn't have to be time wasted. It is a chance to learn patience, to develop friendships, to ponder and think, possibly about what we could write for Trinity News. It is not such a bad place to be.

Listening to each other, learning empathy, and relating to our inner feelings of thanks to God for all we share. Let's appreciate that not everything moves quite as fast as we would like, and take time. It's God's gift.

God bless you.

**Margaret Garland**

## Take a Little Time

Take a little time to see the wonder of the old oak tree,  
 Take a little time to stare at God's great wonders everywhere,  
 Take a little time to linger by the streams or by the lake,  
 Pause to gaze across the field lean upon the old farm gate,  
 Take a moment just to wander by the restless pounding sea,  
 and as you look at far horizons ponder – is this restless sea like me?

Is my life so full and busy?

Are my days so full of care that I have no time to stop and see God's beauty everywhere?

**by Dorothy Durrant and taken from Dorothy's Poetry Diary 2008,  
 written for the month of March**



## Methodist JPIT

### Stay and Pray – new weekly prayers for intercession

We're continuing with our daily 'Stay & Pray' prayers on our social media and via email. You can now also see our prayers and prompts for prayers of intercession in communal worship, available every Friday as a PDF on our website. Use them as prompts for your prayers of intercession, as we lift up our eyes and reflect on the wider world. <https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk>

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### Finding the Right Solution –

A manager, an engineer, and a programmer were driving down a steep mountain road when the brakes failed. After a terrifying few seconds they managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment. Shaken by their narrow escape from death, they got out. The manager said, "We need to organise a committee, have meetings, exchange ideas, and develop a solution." The engineer disagreed, "No that never works. I will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it." Then the programmer said, "You're both wrong. First, we need to push the car back up the hill, get back in, and see if it happens again."

## CAP Money: Course

2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> March

@ St Leonard's Centre, Oakley



- This course is run by trained Money Coaches and will teach people how to budget, save and spend, putting them in control of their money.
- This course is for everyone regardless of financial circumstances. For those who are comfortable with their finances and would like to see if they can manage them more efficiently; those who may be struggling to keep their head above water; and those who have run into financial difficulty and may be in debt.
- This course will show how to build and maintain a budget and steps you can take to help balance your budget which will enable you to take control of your finances.
- This course will also help people who are suffering with debt to understand how to manage their debt and take the necessary steps to reduce it and work towards becoming debt free.
- The course is **completely free**, is very informal and relaxed and **we will not ask for or discuss any personal details concerning bank accounts or earnings**.
- **Anyone wishing to attend the course can sign up at [Find your local course – Christians Against Poverty \(capuk.org\)](#) with their postcode and follow the link "[Looking for a CAP Money Course?](#)" or just scan this QR code.**
- Alternatively, if you would like our trained Money Coaches to come and run the CAP Money Course at your church, we would love to talk to you about that opportunity. Contact our Lead Money Coach by email at: [money.course@saintmarks/org/uk](mailto:money.course@saintmarks/org/uk) for more information. *(taken from OneChurch, Basingstoke)*



- The yearning of man's heart is homesickness for God – *Anon*
- Seek Christ, and you will find him, and with him everything else thrown in – *C S Lewis*

**Canon Paul Hardingham's series on the very Foundations of our Christian faith**

## Christian Basics – Why the Cross?

*The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;  
a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing;  
a picture of death, yet the key to life;  
a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;  
a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;  
a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;  
a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, *'He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed ..... Christ died for sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God'*. (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18).

Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order *'to bring us to God'*. Jesus is the bridge providing access between us and God. *'If Jesus Christ is to be our Saviour then He must be able to place a hand upon a pardoning God and another hand on a penitent sinner and draw them together in an act of reconciliation'* (Bishop Handley Moule). (Parish Pump)



### SAVE THE DATE – CIRCUIT MUSICAL

The next Circuit Musical will be taking place at Wesley, Reading  
on **Saturday 19 November 2022**



In a day we will be learn Roger Jones' new musical  
*'Three Wise Camels'*, and the day will end with a  
worship performance of it.



Later in the year we will be looking for singers, instrumentalists, stewards, volunteers to serve lunch and refreshments etc. Everyone is welcome to join for the worship performance at the end, an ideal opportunity to bring friends to an early Christmas event. Details including timings will be circulated later. If you have any questions please **contact**:

Tony and Jennifer Pitt at: [itsthepitts@btinternet.com](mailto:itsthepitts@btinternet.com)

O Lord, it is not enough not to do any wrong; I must also seek to do what is right.

O Lord, it is not enough to act with integrity;

I must also challenge dishonesty and injustice when I see it.

O Lord, it is not enough not to harm the interests of those around me;

I must seek to put their interests before my own.

O Lord, it is not enough not to seek retribution;

I must also pray for and work for the good of all who harm me.

Help me, Lord, to live by your purifying commandments. Amen

*(written by: Jenny Dyer, Superintendent Minister, Derby Circuit, and*

*taken from: The Methodist Prayer Handbook, 'Pilgrims on a Journey', 2015/2016)*

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## Dial-a-Prayer

**FREEPHONE** numbers for Prayers, Reflections and News from the Methodist Church

- **Listen to a Prayer:** 0808 281 2514
- **Listen to a Pastoral Message from the President & Vice President:** 0808 281 2695
- **Listen to our Podcast:** 0808 281 2478
- *Prayer updated every Thursday,*
- *Presidential message updated every Monday,*
- *Methodist Podcast updated fortnightly on Thursday.*

## The Computer Swallowed Grandad!

The computer swallowed Grandad!

Yes! Honestly! It's true!

He pressed Control and Enter –  
and disappeared from view!

It devoured him completely  
the thought just makes me squirm!

He must have caught a virus  
or been swallowed by a worm!

I've searched through the recycle bin  
and files of every kind;

I've even searched the internet  
but nothing did I find.

I went to Mr Google my searches to refine  
his reply was in the negative,  
'Nothing found' was Google's line.

So, if inside your inbox  
my Grandad you should see –  
please copy, scan, and paste him  
and send him back to me! **Nigel Beeton**

## The Mug and Biscuit

**The Mug & Biscuit, St Andrews Church –  
Now Opening on *Wednesdays* too**



***from Wednesday 9 March, we will  
be opening on Wednesdays,  
hours of opening shown below:***

**Tuesday: 10 am to 12 noon**

**Wednesday: 10 am to 12 noon (*from 9 March*)**

**Thursday: 10 am to 12 noon**



On all three days **drinks, home-made cakes and toasted tea cakes**  
will be available to purchase.

***We look forward to welcoming old and new friends.***



## The Mug & Biscuit Team

Any queries contact:

**Linda Hoe ☎: 07963 583506**



- Love does not say, 'Give me', but 'Let me give you' – *Anon*
- A friend is one who comes in when the world goes out – *Anon*
- We are shaped and fashioned by what we love – *J Von Goethe*
- Love is the master key to a happy home – *Anon*
- God made man to be somebody – not just to have things – *Anon*

*Dr Herbert McGonigle, former Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, series of true-life stories*

## The Story of the Yellow Ribbons



We are loved with everlasting love! One of the greatest and most comforting doctrines taught in the Bible is the love of God for His people. In the Law and in the Prophets; in the poetical and historical books; in Gospels and Letters – all agree to tell us what God said to His people through Jeremiah. *“I have loved you with an everlasting love” (Jeremiah 31:3)*. It was that love that moved the Father to send His Son into the world (John 3:16). Paul writes glowingly of *“that great love with which He loved us” (Ephesians 2:4)*. John emphasises the same great truth in a magnificent creed of just three words: *‘God is love’ (1 John 4:8)*.

Quite simply there is nothing in all creation more reassuring, more comforting, more encouraging, more uplifting than to know that God loves us. And we can go further and put it in personal terms as Paul did. *‘He loved me and gave Himself for me’ (Galatians 2:21)*. How can we illustrate the illimitable love of God? One such illustration was told by the Revd John Wilbur Chapman of Indiana, an ordained Presbyterian Minister who in 1893 went into full-time evangelistic ministry.

One evening Chapman was travelling by train in a rural part of Kansas. The other passenger in the carriage was a young man who kept glancing out the window and then covering his face with his hands. Chapman asked if he could help. The young man confessed that many years before he had run away from home and *‘sown his wild oats.’* He had not written to his parents at all, until a few weeks before, telling them that he would be travelling on this train. At a certain point it passed very close to his home. In the letter he had begged his parents’ forgiveness and asked if they wanted him to come home. If so, they were to tie a yellow ribbon on the old apple tree that grew right beside the railway lines.

“Sir,” he said to Chapman, “the train will soon pass my home but I’m afraid to look. If there’s a yellow ribbon on the tree, I’ll get off at the next station and go home. If there’s no ribbon, I’ll just travel on. But I’m too afraid to look out for the tree.” So Chapman offered to look for him. “You can open your eyes now,” he said a few minutes later. The returning prodigal looked at Chapman with tears and quivering lips. ‘All is well,’ said the evangelist. ‘There is a yellow ribbon on the apple tree. In fact, there’s far more than one. Every branch is hanging with yellow ribbons, scores and scores of them. Your parents love you that much, they want you to come home.’”

If parents can love their wayward children like that, how much greater is the love of God! Truly, we are loved with everlasting love. (*Parish Pump*)

Loving God of all the world, we hold before you all nations, their needs and their potential.

God, who reigns over governments, bring justice where injustice rules.

God, who carries a weary world without growing weak, give strength to the struggling and hope to the hopeless.

Creative God who dreamed up our world, grant vision and insight to those with a heart to change things for the better.

Compassionate God, heal what is hurting and restore what has been broken.

With grateful hearts we thank our loving God, whose compassion never ceases, whose love for us never runs dry and whose fight against injustice never relents. Amen

*(written by: Rebecca Branch, All We Can, and taken from: The Methodist Prayer Handbook ‘Partners in Sacrifice’ 2014/2015)*

**The Community Food Table** located outside of London Street United Reformed Church, will be one of the projects supported by **Tesco Stores** from the **First Week in January until 31 March 2022**. **The Community Food Table** offers hot food, freshly cooked, to those in the community on a pay as you can basis. We use produce supplied by local supermarkets that would have gone into landfill.



TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

Please remember to pick up your token and vote for our project. The money received will go towards the cost of packaging and utilities.

**The project is referred to in the stores as: “London Street United Reformed Church, The Community Food Table, Basingstoke”**

**You can pick up your token at the following stores:**

- Chineham Superstore
- Kempshott Express
- Oakridge Express
- Town Centre Metro
- Lychpit Express
- **To vote, make a purchase within the store of any value, you will receive one token per transaction.**



## 17 March – St Patrick, Beloved Apostle to Ireland

St Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the Patron Saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American / Irish razzmatazz. It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5<sup>th</sup> century humble Christian who became in time both Bishop and Apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a Town Councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he “knew not the true God”. Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted. But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ. Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish Saints. The principal Cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican Cathedral of Dublin. (*Parish Pump*)

- 500 years ago, from 9 to 17 March 1522, Martin Luther preached his *Invocavit* Sermons. He urged citizens to adhere to the core Christian values and trust in God, rather than using violence to bring about change.



## Blister Pack Recycling

Many thanks to all of you donating your empty pill packs and to those who are collecting them from others too. I am overwhelmed at how many have appeared for me to recycle. It makes me realise how many went into land fill before we started collecting them.



**LATEST Info – I have now taken 21 ‘Bags for Life’ packed full to Superdrug and we know that at least one more church has started to collect them as well.**

I can fill their recycling box with one visit! I am sure that the help that Marie Curie is getting from these is welcomed and of course it is helping to take care of the planet for future generations.

Please continue to leave them at church for me to collect, in the **white labelled bin provided, which can be found in the foyer area at church.** However I would be happy to collect locally if you are unable to get to church.

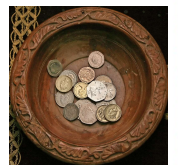
**Jennifer Pitt**

## Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

If you have plastic milk bottle tops (*only milk bottle tops*) and are not already recycling them and would like to, Pamela has a contact with a collector for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on ☎: 01256 467702.

Thank you, **June Bishop**

## Trinity Collections



As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the last 2 years. This is partly because hirers have had to stop meeting, but also because without services in Church the collections have stopped. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure has continued – almost half of our outgoings go to the Circuit to pay for, among other things but to a major extent, the Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.

We would like to express our thanks to those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes. We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways that you can contribute financially to God's work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time.

If you need more information as to how you can give to Trinity, please contact:

**David Gunton** (Treasurer) – [david@gunton.org](mailto:david@gunton.org) or 01256-352342 or

**Tony Pitt** (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) – [organista@btinternet.com](mailto:organista@btinternet.com) or ☎: 01256-816314

*In Swansea there used to be a well-known firm of Solicitors called W G Christian and Sons. A letter sent to them from overseas was addressed simply: W. G. Christian, South Wales. It eventually arrived at their office with a note from the Post Office attached.*

*It read: “No Christians in Cardiff – try Swansea.”*





## UPDATE (at 26.02.22)

**web:** <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



### Our foodbank Relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations

**big or small are also gratefully received.** Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in **The Trussell Trust** network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Our **Basingstoke Centre & Warehouse at Houndmills** remains open for donations of food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs during our regular opening times which are **from 10 am – 3 pm, Monday to Friday**. If you would like to donate any items, please **'shop and drop'** goods into the permanent crates provided for us by our supporting supermarkets, or at any of the other donation points. We still have **Donation points** around the region as follows: **Food parcels can be Collected & Donations Delivered at: Basingstoke Baptist Church, Brighton Hill, Wed 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; Buckskin Evangelical Church, Mon & Fri 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; St Gabriel's Church, Popley, Fri 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm; Tadley Common Methodist Church, Tues 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; Church of the Good Shepherd, Winklebury, Tues 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm; The Sarum Hill Centre, Hope Community Church, Thur 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. THANK YOU** for your continued support!

**Check out the Foodbank Website as above.** You will find the list there of the other locations & times where you can donate food and use the **'Shop & Drop'**.

**Basingstoke Foodbank:** The good news is that the new premises at Houndmills have been secured for two years. The Foodbank has been able to purchase a large commercial refrigerator, which means we can now store fresh fruit and vegetables, and are now able to provide fresh bread, eggs, fruit and veg in every food parcel. The address in Houndmills is 63-64 Tempus Business Centre, Kingsclere Road, RG21 6XG. At present there is no process in place for transfer of donations from Trinity to the new site, **please do not leave donations at Trinity**. Thanks, **Tony Pitt**

**A Typical Food Parcel Includes:** breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits; snacks; toiletries; household items; limited supply of fresh bread, fruit and vegetables.

#### At 26.02.22, we are **SHORT OF:**

- Coffee (small jars)
- Savoury / Sweet Spreads
- Meat Substitute
- Desserts / Puddings (Microwave)
- Clothes Washing Tablets
- Men's Deodorants
- Kitchen Roll
- Dog Food (tinned)

#### We have **Plenty of:**

- Cereals Hot & Cold
- Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Rice
- **NO Pasta (we have sufficient for a year)**
- Soup
- Crisps
- Squash
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Cat & Dog Food

#### We always welcome

**Donations** and promise to use them to provide help for local people in crisis. Occasionally we send food to other local foodbanks to support their work if they have specific shortages. We also support a small number of local agencies in Basingstoke who regularly provide hot meals, or emergency food items for our most vulnerable members of the community who may not be able to access our centre.

**Thank you for your continued support**

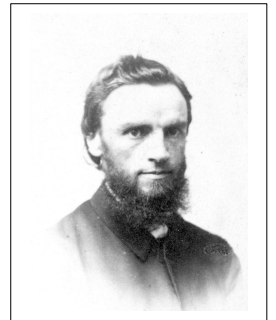
## The Moran's – A Methodist family of Ireland

Why am I writing about a Methodist family in Ireland? It is partly personal as it is about two Great Grandfathers, a Grandmother and another 12 Uncles and Aunts of the editor of Trinity News, Hazel. But also because I have been researching both Hazel's and my family trees for a good number of years and Family Tree Research really interests me, as did the story about 5 brothers, whose father was a Methodist Minister, and who all became Methodist Ministers with one of their sisters marrying a Methodist Minister too, a story Hazel knew from childhood and intrigued and interested me when she told me, so I decided to do some research into it, and write an article.

The original research on this part of Hazel's family was undertaken by Thomas Whitley Moran who was Hazel's First cousin once removed. Born in 1898 in Ireland, he died in 1978 in Birkenhead. He was an Engineer who at one time worked on the building of the Mersey Tunnel. He undertook much research into his family history and had at least 2 articles published; one on the **Moran** families of Ireland and a book in 1962 on "The Whitleys of Enniskillen". In the National Library of Ireland there is a Manuscript (Ms 111H, fol 98) which is titled: "*Copy of Confirmation of Arms to Capt. Thomas Whitley Moran of Hoylake, Cheshire, son of Revd Francis Moran, son of Revd Thomas Moran, son of Thomas Moran of Ballina, Co. Mayo, Jan 2, 1959.*"

This brings us to the reason for writing this article. He mentions Revd Thomas Moran who was Hazel's Great Grandfather on her father's side. I have been extremely fortunate in having contacted the **Methodist Historical Society of Ireland**. They have an extensive collection of the stationing, family history and photos of many of the Methodist Ministers who served in Ireland.

The picture on the right is Hazel's Great Grandfather Revd Thomas Moran who was born in Ballina in Co Mayo (*sometimes it was in Co Sligo*) in 1828, son of Thomas Moran and Mary Rutledge. Thomas grew up in Ballina and he wrote for the Ballina Herald. In 1851 he was accepted for the Methodist Ministry at the Conference in Belfast. He was initially stationed in Omagh where he took part in a mission. From his appointments' list he mostly moved every 3 years becoming a Supernumerary in 1897. In total he was a Methodist Minister from 1851 to 1904 and he was known for travelling around Ireland on horseback. He was mentioned in Cruikshank's "*History of Methodism in Ireland*".



*Pictures of Downhill house near Ballina as it was (Painting), as it is now as a Hotel, with myself and Hazel outside the entrance. Hazel's Grandfather, the Revd Thomas MORAN was probably born there and it was also the home of his parents (Thomas & Mary) and grandparents (Francis & Margaret).*



His marriage was in the Londonderry Standard and Londonderry Sentinel June 5, 1857: "Moran – Hickey. On Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> ult, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Omagh, by the father of the bride, the Revd Thomas Moran, Wesleyan Minister, to Margaret Cecilia, eldest daughter of the Revd Thomas Hickey, Wesleyan Minister, Omagh."

Revd Thomas Hickey (1815-1882) is another of Hazel's Great Grandfathers and again he was a Methodist Minister 1835 to 1882. He was initially at Coleraine finishing up at Kinsale in Ireland before coming to Manchester in 1866 as a Supernumerary in the Oxford Road Circuit and then the Cheetham Hill Circuit where he was Chaplain to the Cemetery. Thomas and Margaret Moran had 13 Children, of which two died as infants. Of the rest, 5 went on to become Methodist Ministers and one of their daughters married a Methodist Minister. Details as follows:

### 1. Eldest son Revd Thomas Moran (1858-1927) – Methodist Minister from 1878 to 1927

He was Wesleyan Chaplain to the Troops, Curragh Camp 1889-1895, and to the Naval and

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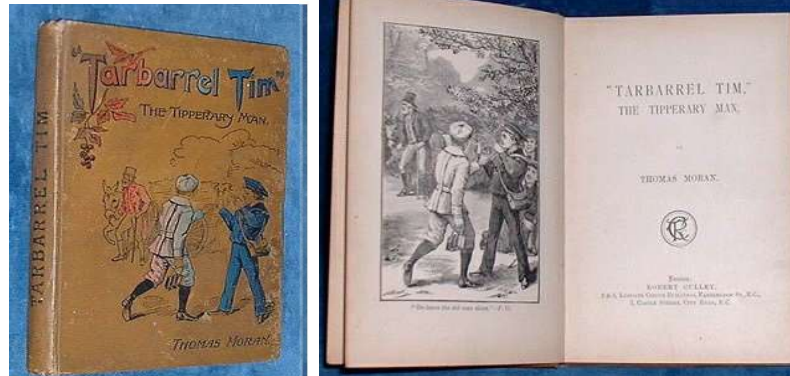


Military Forces at Queenstown Harbour and other Naval Ports on the South and West Coast of Ireland. He opened up the Methodist, Naval work at Berehaven and other Naval Ports in the S.W. of Ireland and was the first Free Church Minister who obtained permission to conduct parade services on board HM Ships. His final posting was to Queenstown (now Cobh) from 1902 until his death in 1927.

He was an Author of 'Corporal Stanley and his Comrades: A Curragh Camp Story'; published 1898 by C H Kelly (Service in Song with associated lanternslides); 'Bravo, Sergeant Campbell!!' (A set of 40 slides); 'Three Cheers for Campbell'; J W Butcher (Service in Song with associated lantern slides); 'Jack ashore'; 'Timothy O' O'Brady and his Tormentors: a Tipperary Temperance Tale' or 'Tarbarrel Tim'.

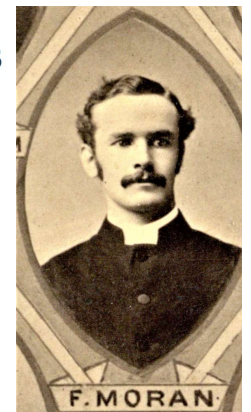


Illustrations of the book: 'Tarbarrel Tim':



**2. 2<sup>nd</sup> son Revd Francis Moran (1859-1943) – Methodist Minister 1885-1943**

At Trinity College Dublin he was a Sizar, a Scholar and a Moderator in Mathematics, a First Honourman in Experimental Science, Senior Exhibitioner, and a Prizeman in English Literature and in Hebrew. He was a member of the Board of Examiners of the Methodist Church and also held the appointment of examiner in mathematics under the Board of Intermediate Education, Ireland. Like Thomas he regularly moved with appointments of 2 – 4 years duration becoming a Supernumerary from 1928 ending up in Bangor. He had 3 children, a son, Francis who was killed on the Somme on 23 August 1916, age 23; Thomas Whitley Moran, previously mentioned and a daughter, Alice Griffin Moran.



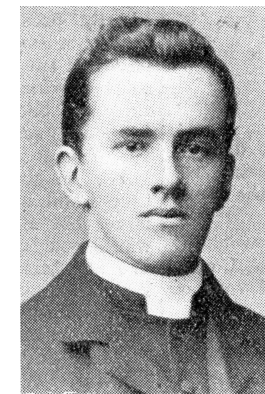
**3. 4<sup>th</sup> son Revd John Hickey Moran (1862-1952) – Methodist Minister 1885-1904**

John was only a Methodist Minister from 1885 to 1904 when he voluntarily retired and transferred to the Church of Ireland becoming firstly a Deacon, then Curate and Chaplain in WWI, etc, retiring in 1938. He Published: 'On the Shores of the Lough. Loughbar'. Also songs: 'Shadows and Sunlight', 'Caminarry', 'When the sun goes down on the Shannon', etc



**4. 6<sup>th</sup> son Revd William Patrick Moran (1875-1952) – Methodist Minister 1900-1952**

William was a Methodist Minister from 1900 to 1952 commencing his service at Abbeyleix (Home Mission Station) in 1900 and ending up at Belfast, Donegall Square from 1944-1952. He was a Chairman of District (Londonderry) from 1937-1939, and Supernumerary from 1941 onwards. He married 5 July 1905 at Abbey St MC, Dublin, Adelaide Mary Tomlinson. Their wedding photograph is in the Folk and Transport Museum, Cultra, Co Down, along with her wedding dress and shoes.



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### 5. 7<sup>th</sup> son Revd Bertram Carson Moran (1878-1962) – Methodist Minister 1902-1962

Bertram worked for a few years as an assistant in a chemist's shop in Skibbereen before becoming an Evangelist in Boyle for a year before being accepted as a candidate for the ministry. He married at Wesley Chapel, Cork 16 Sept 1909, Margaret Crawford (Daisy) Henderson, music teacher. They had no children. As with his brothers he moved every 3 – 5 years commencing at Fivemiletown and finishing at Belfast Ballymct (Sydenham). He was a Supernumerary from 1944 onwards.

Bertram corresponded with Hazel for some time but unfortunately the letters appear not to have survived. Also no pictures of him appear to have survived!

### 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter Kathleen Maria Moran married Revd William Moore (1865-1035) Methodist Minister 1889-1935)

William commenced his ministry at Newtownbutler ending up at Belfast in 1933 as a Supernumerary. In 1930 he was President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. He married Kathleen 18 April 1894. They had no children. Also no picture of him appears to have survived.

*I acknowledge the help of the **Methodist Historical Society of Ireland** who have given permission for me to use the photos and biographical information on the various Ministers. Also to Thomas Whitley Moran (and his wife) without whom this article may have never seen the light of day.*

**Peter Harris**

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## BRF Celebrates its first 100 years

The work of **BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship)** recently featured in BBC One's long-running programme **Songs of Praise**. Presented by Kate Bottley, the programme explored the power of the Bible to transform lives. It included features highlighting BRF's Ministries Anna Chaplaincy, Living Faith and Messy Church, along with interviews with Chief Executive Richard Fisher, Anna Chaplaincy founder Debbie Thrower and BRF author Amy Boucher Pye. BRF has its roots in St Matthew's Church in Brixton, South London, where, towards the end of 1921, the Vicar, the Revd Leslie Mannering, was talking with a member of the congregation about the spiritual needs of the church. What could be done to help people 'get a move on' spiritually?

In January 1922, the Fellowship of St Matthew was launched, with the aim of encouraging spiritual growth through prayer, Bible Reading and Communion. Leslie Mannering produced a leaflet of daily Bible readings, reflections and prayers which, as Richard Fisher explains in the programme, "had such a transforming effect on his congregation that before long other churches in the area started asking if they could have copies for their own congregations." After the programme Richard commented: "We are so delighted with the *Songs of Praise* programme that featured BRF's centenary. Many people have been in touch following the broadcast and we've been very moved by the messages and encouragements that we've received about BRF's ministry." In the years following 1922 the BRF work grew into a worldwide ministry. Even today, the encouragement and resourcing of daily Bible reading remains at the heart of BRF's Living Faith Ministry, alongside newer initiatives such as Anna Chaplaincy, Messy Church and Parenting for Faith. (*Parish Pump*)

- 175 years ago, on 3 March 1847, Alexander Graham Bell, Scottish-born American engineer, and scientist was born. Credited with inventing the first practical telephone.
- 25 years ago, on 6 March 1997, Queen Elizabeth launched the official Royal website: [www.royal.gov.uk](http://www.royal.gov.uk)



## SAD NEWS FOR OUR RECYCLING



In the next couple of months we are going to lose two of our recycling collections. After 31 March we will no longer be able to collect the Baby Food Pouches and Kids Yoghurt Pouches. We have been collecting these since 2016. It was slow to get started but has been increasing over the years and each shipment generates between £10 and £12.

Our biggest loss will be the Crisp Collection, closing on 25 April. This has only been running since March 2019 but has brought in over £300. We collect more crisp packets than any other item.

The reason given for closing these recyclable collections is that Supermarkets are now running their own recycling schemes. That is good news for the planet but not for our charity and I am very sad that we will not have as much to give to 'Pillars'.

However, we are still collecting cake and biscuit wrappers, flexible packaging bags used for dishwasher tabs and detergent capsules, packaging of household wipes like Flash or the anti-bacterial ones, plastic air fresheners, tinted fabric conditioner bottles or the tinted plastic boxes used for home cleaning products. So do please continue to support our scheme by recycling these with us.

Thank you, Hazel Green

Email: [malandhazel@hotmail.com](mailto:malandhazel@hotmail.com)

☎: 07776 442529



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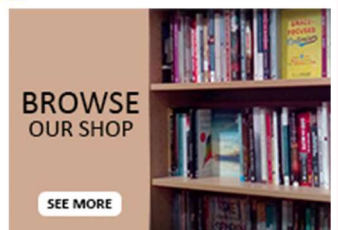
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*And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all*

For the Young & not so Young

PUZZLES

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told stories about a lost sheep and a lost coin, then one about a man with two sons. The younger son said to his father...

I want my share of what I'll inherit from you now!



So the father divided his property between his sons.

The younger son took his money and went to another country.

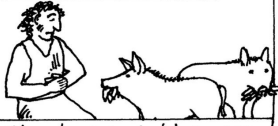


Then his money ran out and there was a famine.



The only job he could get was feeding pigs.

He was so hungry he would have eaten their food.



Then he came to his senses -

I'll go to my father, say sorry, and ask him for a job as a workman!



He set off for home.

His father saw him coming, ran to him and hugged him.

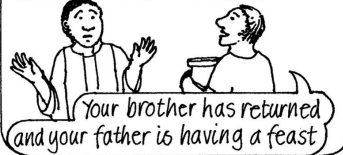


Father, I am so sorry. I am not good enough to be your son..



But his father sent servants to get clothes for his son and prepare a feast to celebrate his return.

The older son came back from work and heard the noise.



Your brother has returned and your father is having a feast

The older son was so angry he wouldn't go into the house..

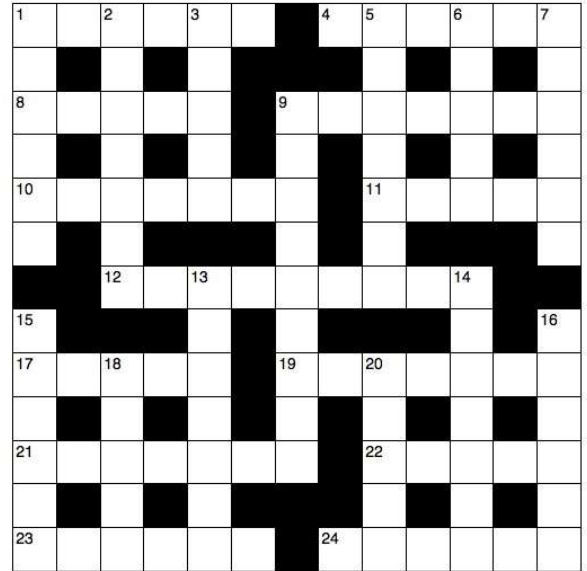


so his father came out to see him

For years I've slaved for you and you've given me nothing. He returns after wasting your money and you give him a feast!



My son, all I have is yours, but we should celebrate because he was lost and now he has been found.



Sudoku

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**Wordsearch for March** – brings Lent & Mothering Sunday. Lent a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter, a time to turn to God & grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of the mothers who have loved & raised us & of Mother Church who has spiritually loved & nurtured us.

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|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Lent        | Mothers   | Flowers    |
| Spiritual   | Love      | Thankyou   |
| Easter      | Care      | Nursing    |
| Preparation | Nurture   | Family     |
| Fasting     | Learning  | Repentance |
| Prayer      | Teaching  | Seeking    |
| Desert      | Disciples | Finding    |
| Selfdenial  | Worldwide | Growing    |

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**GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?**

Jesus said:  
 "No good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit...  
 ...Good people bring good things out of the good things stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts."  
 - Luke 6: 43-45

**Mouse Makes**

During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.

READ  
 Luke  
 6: 27-45

How did Jesus say we should treat others?  
 Look up  
 Luke 6:31

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Do  
 to everyone who asks you Luke 6:30  
 for those who are cruel to you Luke 6:28  
 those who curse you Luke 6:28  
 to those that hate you Luke 6:27  
 and you will be forgiven Luke 6:37

Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.  
 GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED  
 PRODUCE • BRING • SPEAK • REPENT • FORGIVE • LOVE • BLESS • PRAY • GIVE

**Crossword Clues – Across**

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They — —," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

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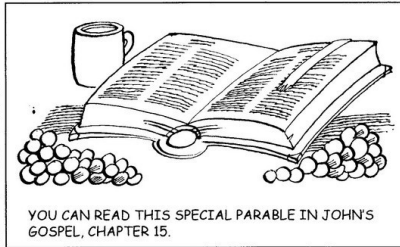
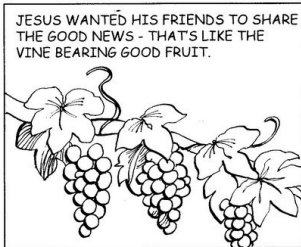
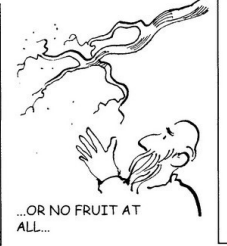
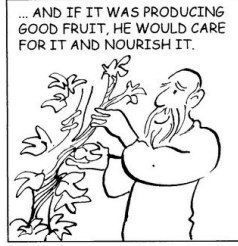
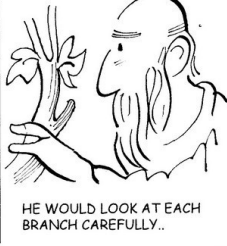
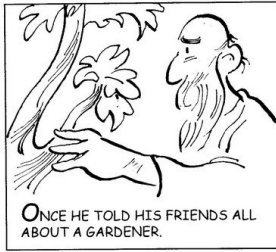
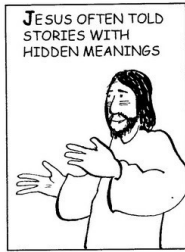
**Crossword Clues – Down**

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors I let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

inherit	clothes	hugged
feeding	money	feast
sorry	younger	house
celebrate	found	nothing
hungry	senses	father
workman	angry	slaved
property	country	pigs
son	older	lost

**40 years ago, on 3 March 1982 the Barbican Centre in London was opened, the largest Arts & Conference venue in Europe.**

# The gardener and the Vine



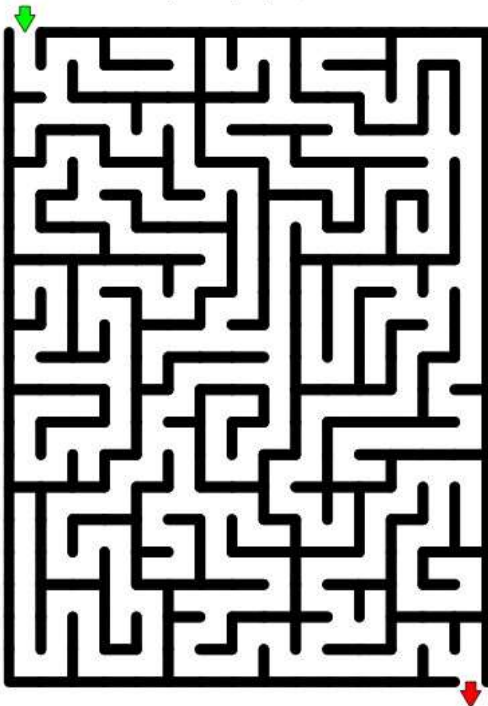
## Puzzle Pages Solutions

**Across:** 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

**Down:** 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

## Sudoku Solution

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**“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you”: “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”.**  
*(Micah 6:7-8) (David Pickup, Parish Pump)*

This is one of my favourite Bible passages. It sums up in a simple, helpful way what true religion should be. The message is simple: God does not want empty promises or lip service, but our real devotion, from our heart.

### What does it mean for us?

**Do justly** – Be honest and open in our dealings with others. Be dependable. We should say when things are going wrong and be appreciative when they go well. Be fair in our dealings, whether at home or at work or in church. Keep confidences and never pass on gossip.

**Love mercy** – Give people the benefit of the doubt, do not take advantage of others and do not always criticise or complain. Accept apologies and explanations where we can and be generous.

**Walk humbly** – Quietly get on with things. Do not make a big show of what we do.

**Lastly** we are *required* to do these things, they are not options or choices but requirements. Like many requirements in the Bible, they are simple to understand but not always simple to do.

